

# Black Lace Flounces Are Again Coming Into Fashion

## AN INEXPENSIVE MAY LUNCHEON

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The hostess who has in mind dainty, rather than expensive, entertaining, who understands the fine art of cooking herself, and is willing to put her own skill and time in the preparation, will find our menu of today quite feasible, providing her maid has sufficient knowledge to dish and serve properly.

Cream of Chicken Soup.  
Gratin.  
Maitre d'Hotel Potatoes.  
Sliced Sweetbreads Saute.  
Asparagus Tips.  
Molded Egg Salad.  
Pineapple Sundae.  
Little Cakes.  
Coffee.

For eight persons select a fowl weighing four or five pounds, clean and disjoint as for fricassee, place in a kettle with a half teaspoonful of salt and two quarts of cold water. Heat very slowly and simmer gently for four hours; add more salt to taste, a dozen peppercorns, a bit of bay leaf the size of a dime, a quarter of a teaspoonful of celery seed or two good stalks of fresh celery, one slice of onion, and a tiny bit of mace, and simmer for an hour longer; strain and set aside to cool over night. Reserve the breast, the remainder of the meat may be utilized for a home meal. In the morning remove every trace of fat; the stock should have cooked down to a little more than one quart. Taste to see that it is well seasoned, and heat. Put the breast meat through the chopper, pound to a pulp, and add to the soup, simmer for ten minutes, then rub through a sieve. Put in a double boiler. Instruct the maid to have it boiling hot, and to add to it one cupful of this cream five minutes before taking off. When lifted from the fire, she is to stir in the yolks of two eggs beaten with two tablespoonfuls of cream and, after heating for an instant, to serve.

When gratin or bread sticks cannot be had from baker or caterer, take from the bread dough sufficient to make one small loaf. Work into this the slightly beaten whites of two eggs, adding enough flour to keep from sticking and let rise. When light, take off pieces half the size of an egg, and with the hands roll out on the board until about eight inches long and as thick as a lead pencil. Place on buttered pans, let rise a little, brush with egg white and bake in a very moderate oven until slightly colored.

One quart of coarsely chopped cold boiled potatoes will be necessary for the fish course. Two tablespoonfuls of butter are to be melted in a frying pan and the potatoes heated in it, turning them often but not allowing them to really fry. Season with salt and pepper and when piping hot sprinkle over them the juice of a lemon and two tablespoonfuls of chopped parsley, then turn into a serving dish.

Purchase two large flounders and have the dealer bone them, cutting each fish in four long fillets. Wash and dry them on a cloth. Make a seasoning with four tablespoonfuls of the finest sifted dry bread crumbs, one quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, two shakes of white pepper and a dash of cayenne. Two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, one teaspoonful of lemon juice and a teaspoonful of chopped parsley. Sprinkle one-eighth of this over each fish fillet, roll up tight and fasten with little toothpicks. Stand upright in a shallow buttered pan, pour over them a wine a quarter of an inch deep, cover with buttered paper. This is to be baked in a hot oven for eighteen minutes.

The fillets are then to be arranged on a hot platter, the picks removed and the potatoes put round as garnish. Place in the center a finger sandwich of entire wheat or brown bread.

Two large pairs of sweetbreads will

## The Penalty of Springtime Madness

She was excessively pretty and the day was one of those intoxicating spring days when one is apt to do anything at all. Besides these two very good reasons, she was directly in front of him, and it is so very difficult to avoid seeing what is exactly in front of you. That makes the third reason or excuse—they are quite the same things—and the fourth and last one is that he thought she was smiling at him. Not markedly, but her eyelashes just well, there was a smile behind her eyes. For there wasn't one directly in them. He got as far as this and was still reasonably safe; then a terrible recklessness came over him and he said sternly to his respectable married conscience: "What if I think a wife; it's a perfectly wonderful morning, and I don't care."

## Cloth Balls to Remove Grease

Cloth balls are very handy to have in the house, and though they can be bought at the chemist's they can quite easily be made at home, and, of course, are cheaper. Take half a pound of dry fuller's earth and moisten it with a little lemon juice. Then add half an ounce of finely pulverized pearl ash and work it into a stiff paste. Roll it into small balls and set them in the sun or a little distance from the fire to dry. Says Woman's Life: "In a few hours they will be ready for use. When required, the stained cloth should be rubbed with the balls. Place in the water to dry, and then brush off the powder or wash it out if necessary."

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## Common Sense About the Hair

If every woman who is annoyed from time to time—or all the time—by hair troubles would make a comprehensive study of the nature and habits of her hair she would be prepared to meet every difficulty and prevent a great deal of trouble. It is a wise measure to carefully store away in her "beauty" scrapbook all the good recipes that are tried and true and to keep neatly bottled those things that will stand indefinitely. This article includes a number of recipes which are quite harmless and yet effective for the purposes for which they are intended.

But before all lotions and creams and tonics comes the common sense that is absolutely necessary in the successful treatment of the hair, as in every other attribute of the human body. The daily care of the hair, aside from special treatment, is of greatest importance. Begin the routine of twenty-four hours by the preparations for bed. The hair should be undressed and allowed to fall over the shoulders. Give the head a refreshing rub by running the finger tips all over the scalp. Then brush the locks gently and thoroughly, smoothing out all tangles. Braid the hair, not too tightly, making one and two braids on alternate nights.

In the morning, brush again carefully, dressing the hair as loosely as possible. If, during the day, there is opportunity to take the hair down and give it another brushing, be sure to take advantage of it. At least two dressings a day are necessary; but three are very good. Never expose the hair unprotected to an atmosphere laden with dust. The tiny particles cling to the natural oil and make an ugly appearance, to say nothing of the siftings that reach the scalp and clog the pores.

**The Correct Shampoo.**  
The proper washing of the hair is given too little consideration by the majority of women. A hasty application of water and soap, with no further attention to details, usually serves to clear their minds of all obligation in this direction. But how much one is repaid for scrupulous care in this matter! As has been remarked often before, nothing so quickly and readily responds to special attention as the hair. The proper time between washings varies widely with different people; light hair dries quickly, but the average period that should elapse is a month. It is best to have some one perform this task for you, for that is one of the things you are least able to do for yourself.

**What to Do First.**  
Comb the hair first, removing every tangle. Have prepared a bottle of pure soap lather, which may contain with great advantage the white of one egg. Hold all the hair up and back with one hand; with the other pour a little of the soft soap on the top of the head and rub vigorously. By degrees cover the head completely with the soapy foam and rub briskly for from three to five minutes. Then, with the head held over a basin, run tepid water through a small hose all over the head; rinse in this way thoroughly, gradually increasing the heat of the water. When every particle of soap has been washed away turn on the cold water, allowing it to rinse the head for not more than half a minute. Raise the head and gently squeeze the water from the hair, wring the strands in towels, twisting them tightly; begin to rub briskly all over the head till the end of the strand above the crown is in glow. Dry by continued rubbing with hot towels and fanning in a warm, dry atmosphere.

**Singeing Unnecessary With Clipping.**  
Singeing is quite unnecessary, since it accomplishes the same purpose as clipping and is more disagreeable and dangerous. Clipping should be done about once in three months. Twist the hair into tight strands about the thickness of the little finger. The ends of the hair will stick up all along the twisted strand. Clip each of these with small, sharp scissors and cut off the end of the strand above the crown half an inch. Some of the simple remedies for hair troubles follow:

For thin hair rub small quantities of vaseline into the roots of the hair by the finger tips twice a week. Also try steady, long-continued brushing—100 strokes twice a day. This tonic is good: Resorcin, 1/2 dram; castor oil, 1/2 dram; croton oil, 4 drops; alcohol, 4 ounces.  
For short hair try frequent clipping and the above recipe.  
For dry hair use any good brilliantine brushed through the hair every other day.  
For oily hair apply resorcin, 10 grains; alcohol, 1 ounce.  
For dandruff—Precipitated sulphur, 2 drams; petrolatum, 4 ounces.  
Above all, be conscientious about brushing.

Bernard Shaw remarks in one of his plays that "the man with the toothache thinks every one happy whose teeth are sound, and the poverty-stricken man makes the same mistake about the rich man."  
So it is with most things. One always feels that the thing one does not possess, or the thing one cannot do, is the one thing essential to happiness.  
The unsuccessful think the successful must be happy.  
The invalids think if they had health nothing else would matter.  
The laboring man thinks if he only had leisure he would be content.  
But, fortunately, happiness is not the prerogative of any class of people or station in life.  
No doubt some are gifted with a happier and more cheerful temperament than others, but one's point of view is really largely a matter of habit, and the thing to do is to try and get into a habit of letting one's thoughts dwell on the pleasant things of life as much as possible and forget its worries as soon as may be.

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## A PRETTY HAT



The hat pictured shows a smart shape on the sailor order. The brim of this model, however, is very short in front and quite wide at the sides and back. The hat pictured was of gray straw, faced with dull rose, with two wide gray plumes at the back. Soft gray velvet ribbon was used as illustrated, and a large French rose of soft creamy pink, with glossy foliage, was placed in front.

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## Fashion's Mandates

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The millinery novelty is a wreath of flowers disposed, not in the ordinary manner round the crown or as an outline to the brim, but reared at one side or hooped at the back.

Black lace flounces are again coming into fashion. Through the winter, black lace was very much to the fore, and many are going to take out the treasured flounces of Chantilly or Spanish lace and get them mounted on trailing skirts of tulle or soft satin.

Feather and meline ruffs are again worn entirely because they add a little warmth to the throat when furs are first dropped. They are so generally becoming and add such a finish to a spring toilet that their vogue is more certain for this season than because of their useful qualities, which in the case of the flimsier styles are certainly not great.

Stripes veiled in tulle, voiles, and other semi-transparent fabrics, are very fashionable, both for street and home wear.

China and Japanese blue straw mod-cap shapes with full ruffles of pale green tulle and touches of green and blue ribbons, are quite delightful.

Stiff little sailor hats in odd shapes of blue, heliotrope, or green, with many looped bows of self-colored ribbon at the back and a wreath of roses or field flowers around the crown, will be worn with coat suits.

Lovely gowns are made of white lace over silver or gold tulle. Some very wonderful kimono effects are shown in shimmering satins, silks, and crepes. One of the oriental coats is in gold-colored satin, almost covered with embroidery in brown and gold. It is fastened with ornaments in dull silver, set with topaz, and has a touch of chinchilla on the sleeves and down the front.

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